

The City of Manistee hosted a presentation on September 28, 2016 by Tony Minghine of the Michigan Municipal League entitled "Michigan's Broken Municipal Finance System?"



Representatives from the City of Ludington, Bear Lake Township, Benzie County, City Council, Copemish, Manistee County Commissioners, Filer Township, Manistee Township, West Shore Community College, Village of Bear Lake, City Staff, the public and media were in attendance.

The presentation was recorded and will be available on the PEG channel or on their website: [manisteev.com](http://manisteev.com)

You can also find more information on their website: [saveMlcity.org](http://saveMlcity.org)

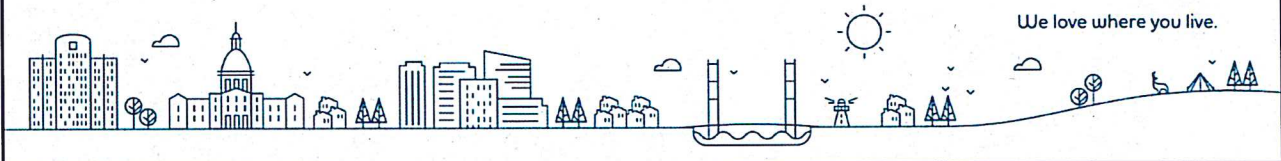
Many thanks to Mr. Minghine for this very interesting and informative presentation.

*Following is a copy of the handout.*



# Michigan's Broken Municipal Finance System?

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## About the speaker



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**Anthony J. Minghine**  
Associate Executive Director & COO

Tony Minghine is the associate executive director and chief operating officer of the Michigan Municipal League, and has devoted his career to the service of local government. He joined the League in 2006 to have an opportunity to focus on the broader policy issues surrounding local government. His tenure with the League began as the chief financial officer, and he assumed his current post in July of 2007. Tony is a regular speaker on a variety of topics effecting local government, and plays a key role in training local officials. He is a tireless advocate for local government, and frequently testifies to the state legislature on matters relating to local government finance. With over 25 years of combined experience, Tony is an expert in operational and finance issues relating to municipalities and non-profits. He is a member of the Michigan Society of Association Executives, the Governmental Finance Officers Association, and Michigan Governmental Finance Officers Association. He is a former member of the MGFOR Board of Directors and has received awards from the GFOR for excellence in financial reporting and popular financial reporting. Tony has served on the MGFOR's legislative committee since 1998, and is a 1985 graduate of Wayne State University.







# What is happening to Michigan's Cities, and why should you care?



Michigan's municipal finance model is broken and it is seriously affecting the ability of your community to insure it is a great place capable of attracting and retaining talent.





## What are the issues?



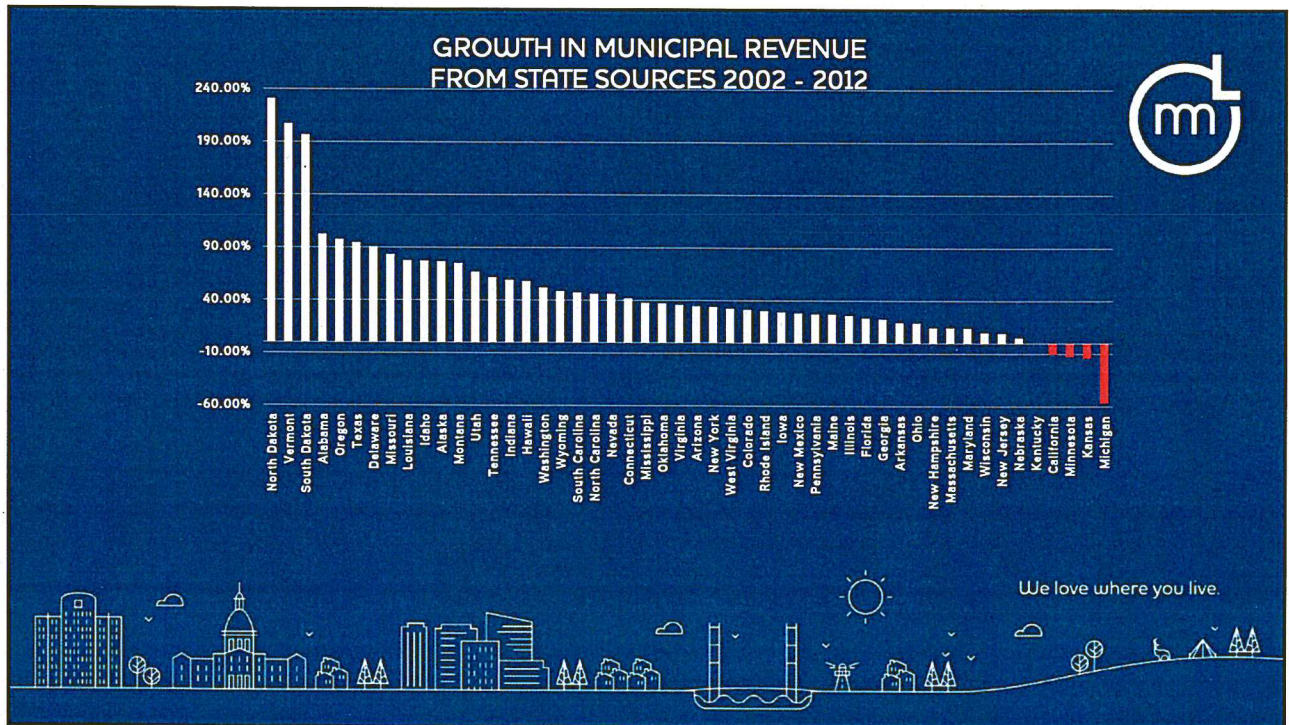
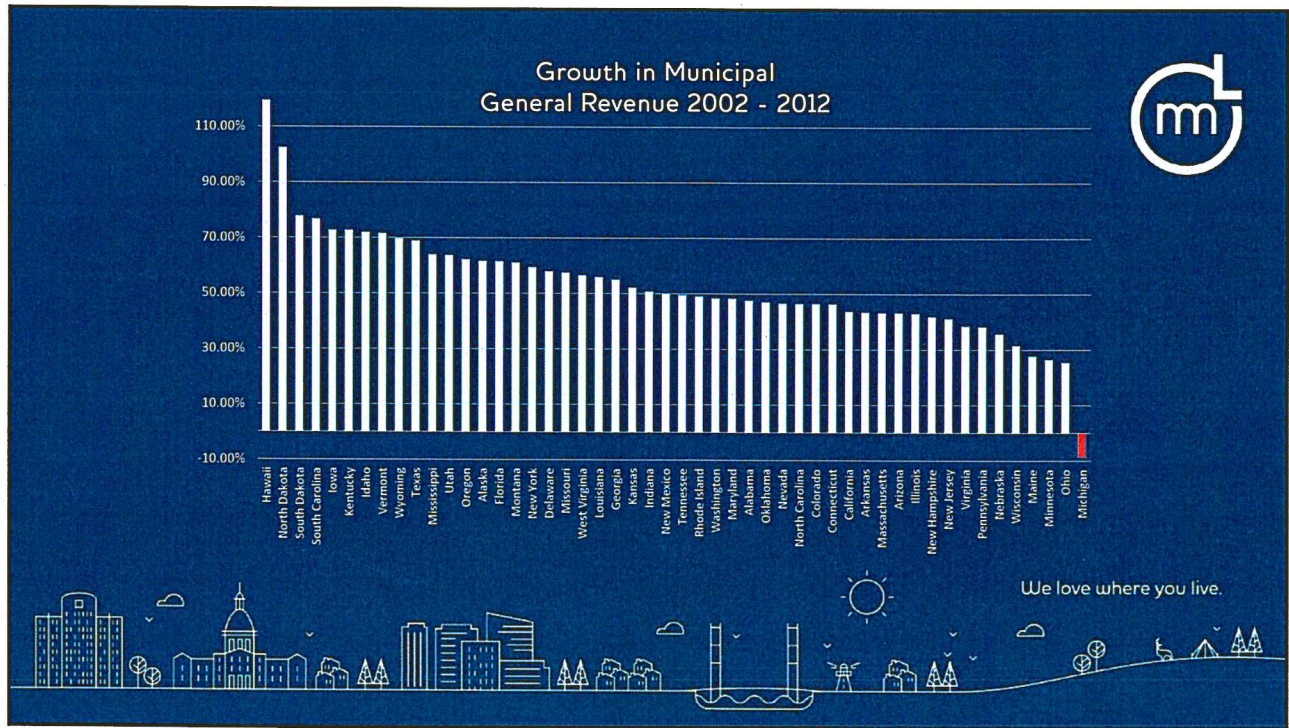
- Michigan's Municipal Funding doesn't track with the economy
- Michigan's budget priorities have disinvested in communities
- Many problems cannot be fixed locally
- Not enough tools in the toolbox
- Need a 3 tiered approach



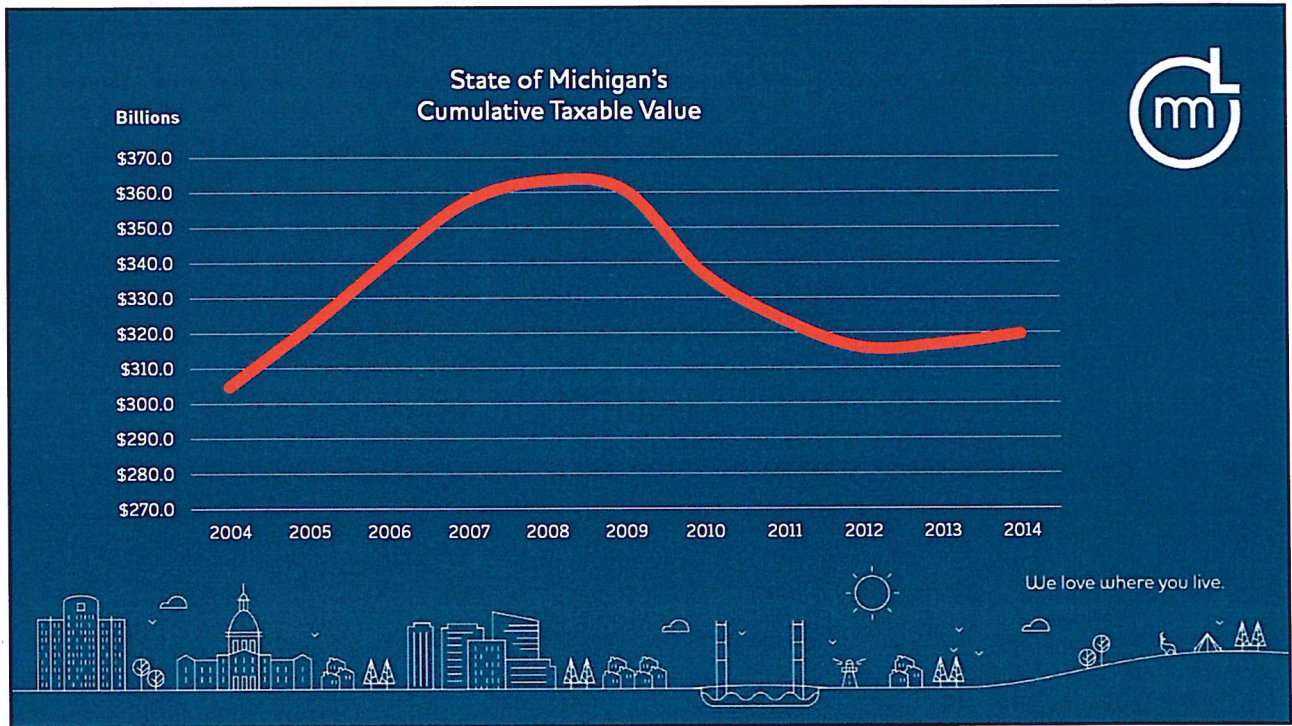
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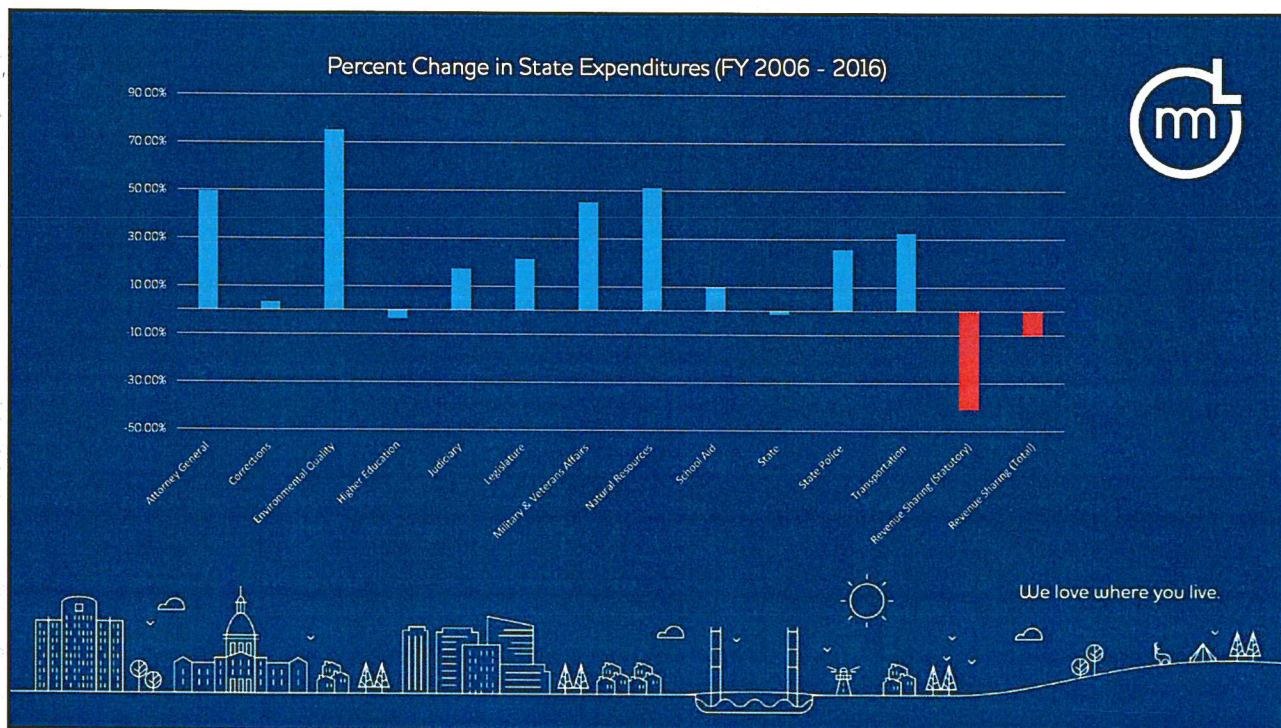
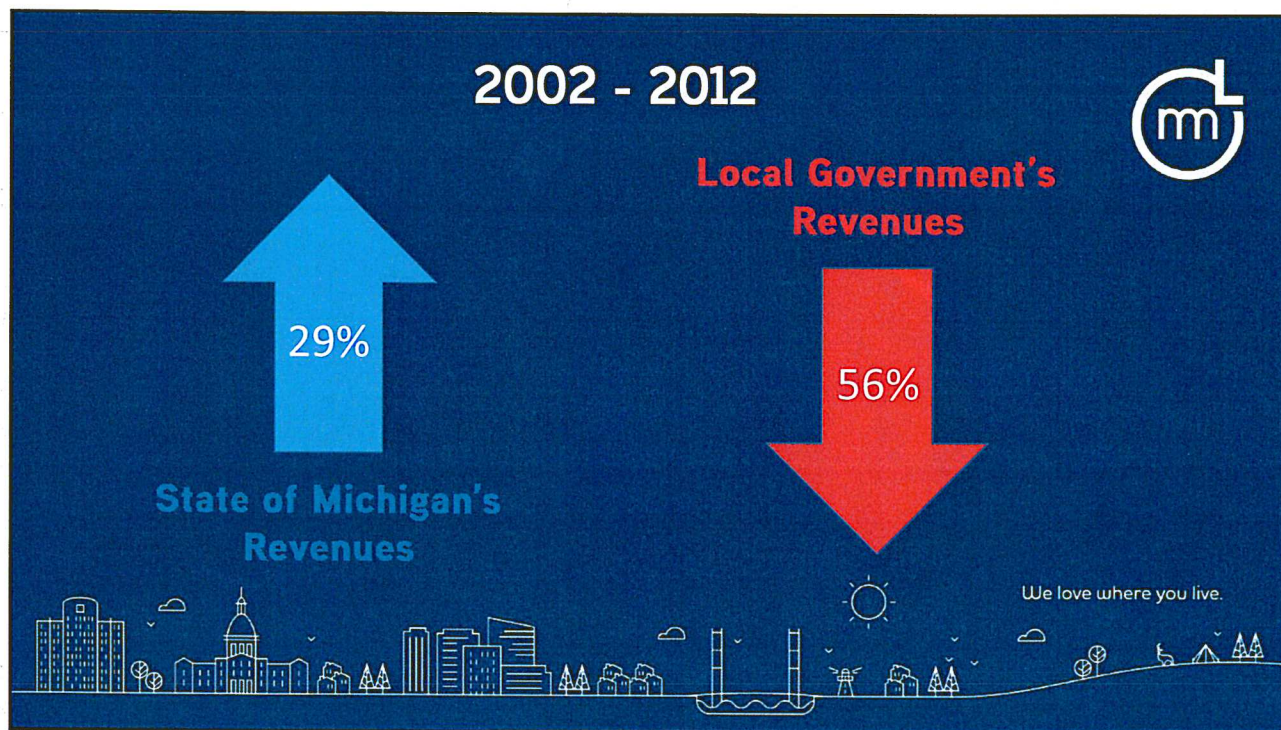




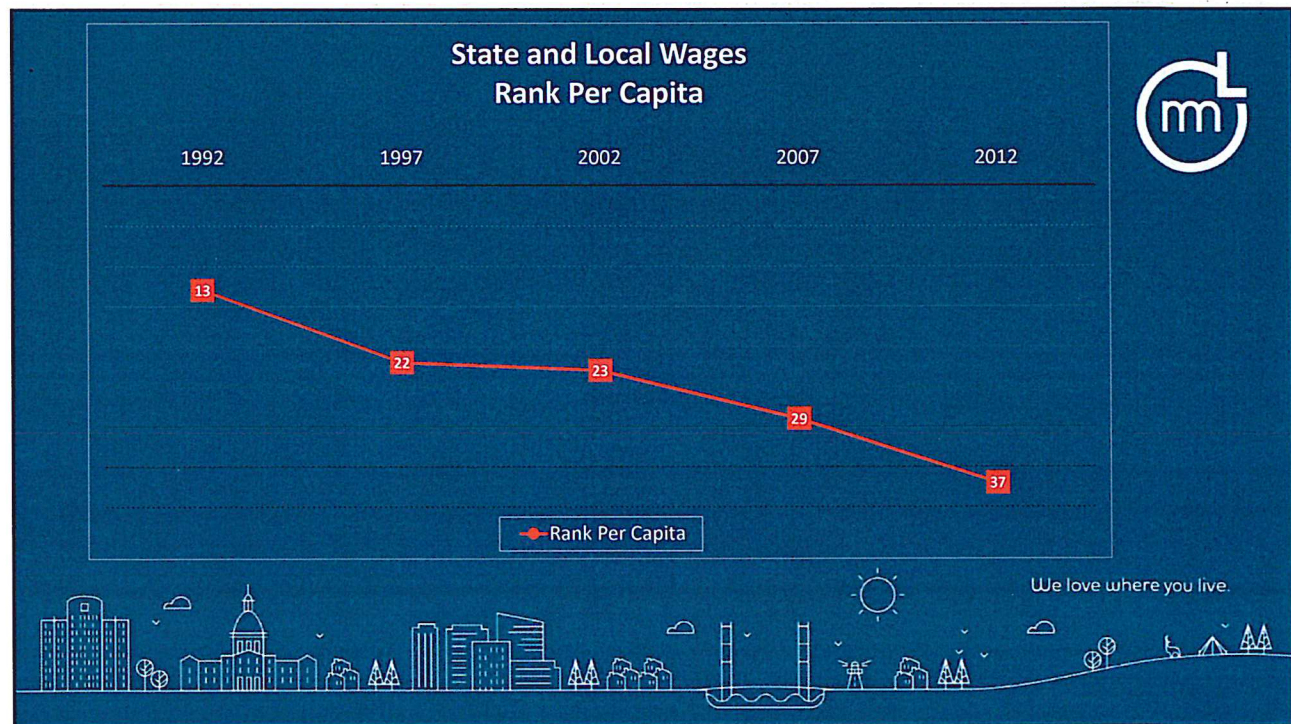
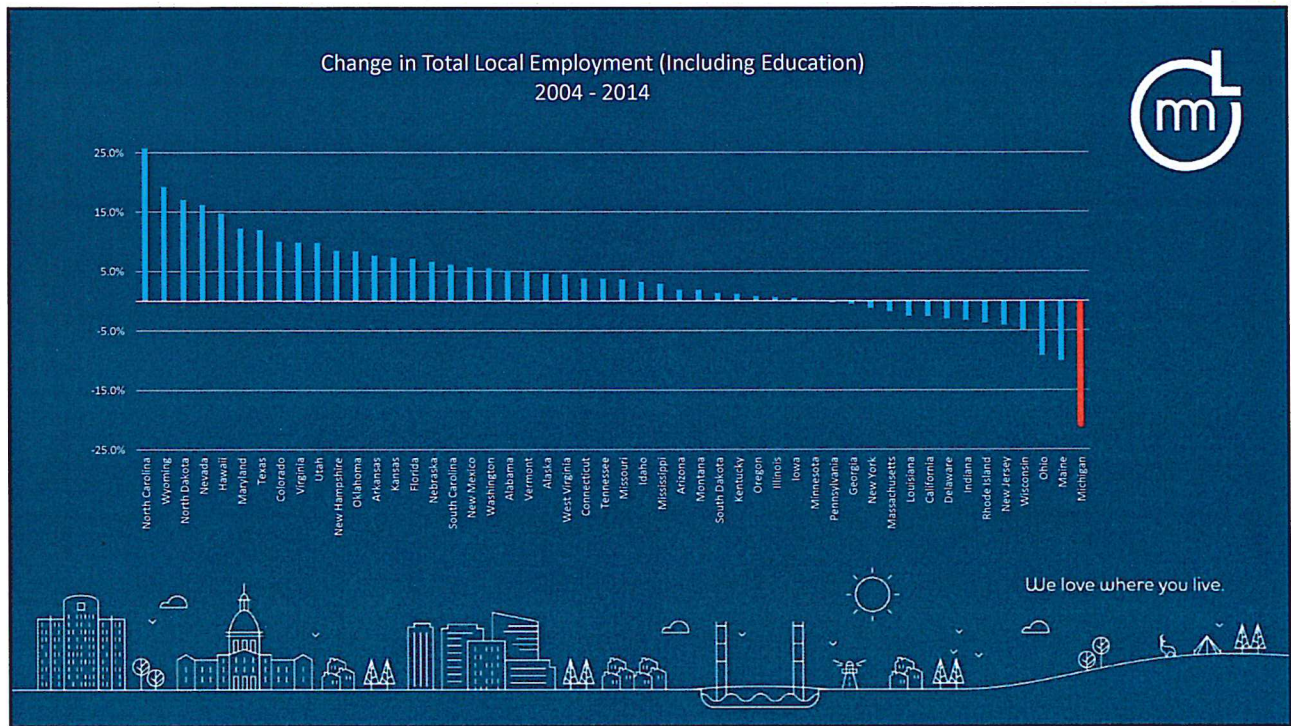




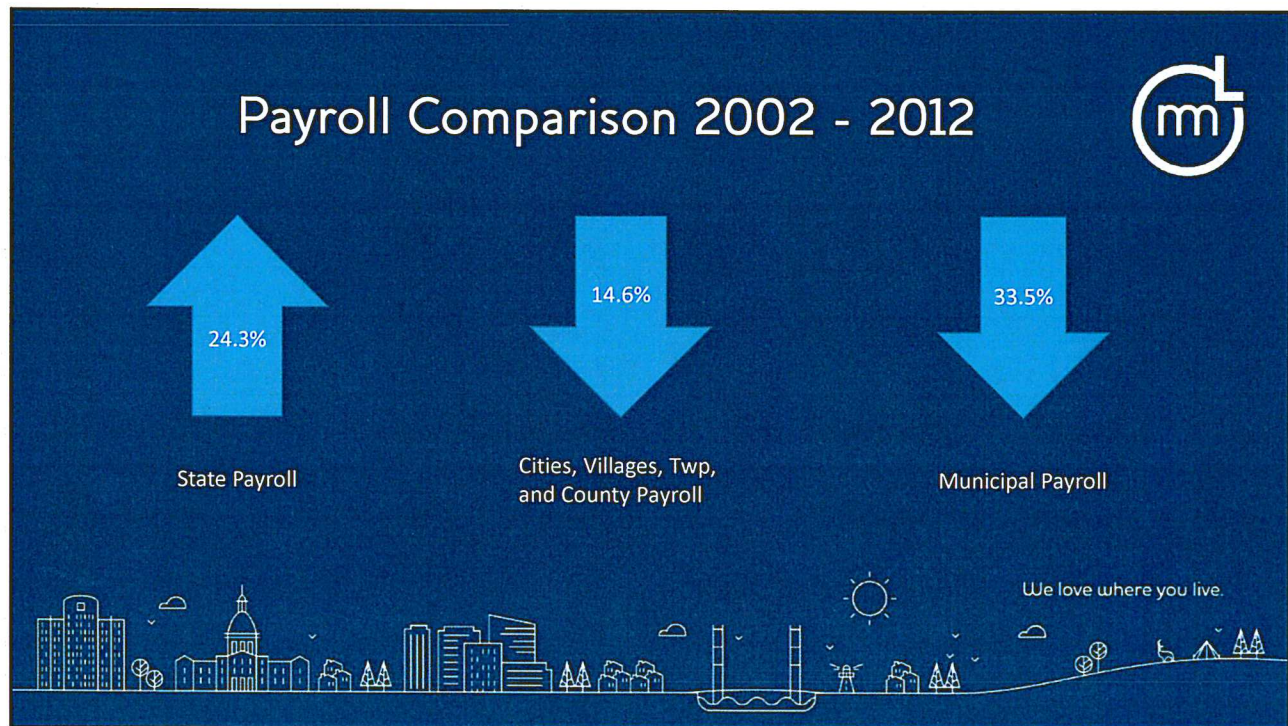












## What do local officials think?

A graphic titled 'What do local officials think?' featuring a white 'm' logo in the top right. Below the title, it lists findings from the CLOSUP Survey. The background is dark blue with a white line-art illustration of a city skyline with a sun and the text 'We love where you live.' at the bottom.

CLOSUP Survey

- 64% think our system is broken
- 82% feel the state should be compelled to address unfunded mandates
- 76% support Headlee reform
- 66% support more local revenue options



## What does the public think?

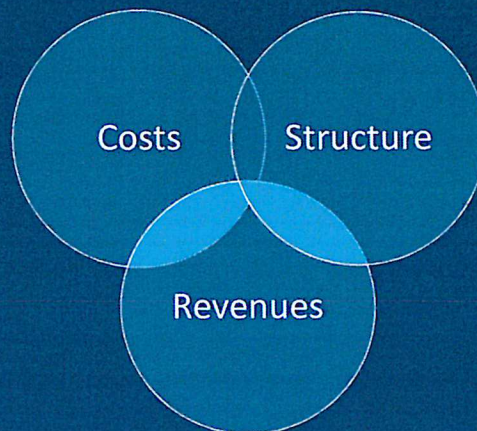


### EPIC-MRA poll

- 48% feel that local government is underfunded
- 52% would support higher taxes to maintain their current service levels
- 65% disapprove of the State's diversion of revenue sharing
- 48% feel that property taxes should go up in a strong economy



## What do we do?





Address Unfunded  
OPEB Obligations


Don't Build and  
Abandon Infrastructure

Provide Investment Tools  
Cut Only Strategy

Invest in Communities

True Growth


Fix Property Tax System



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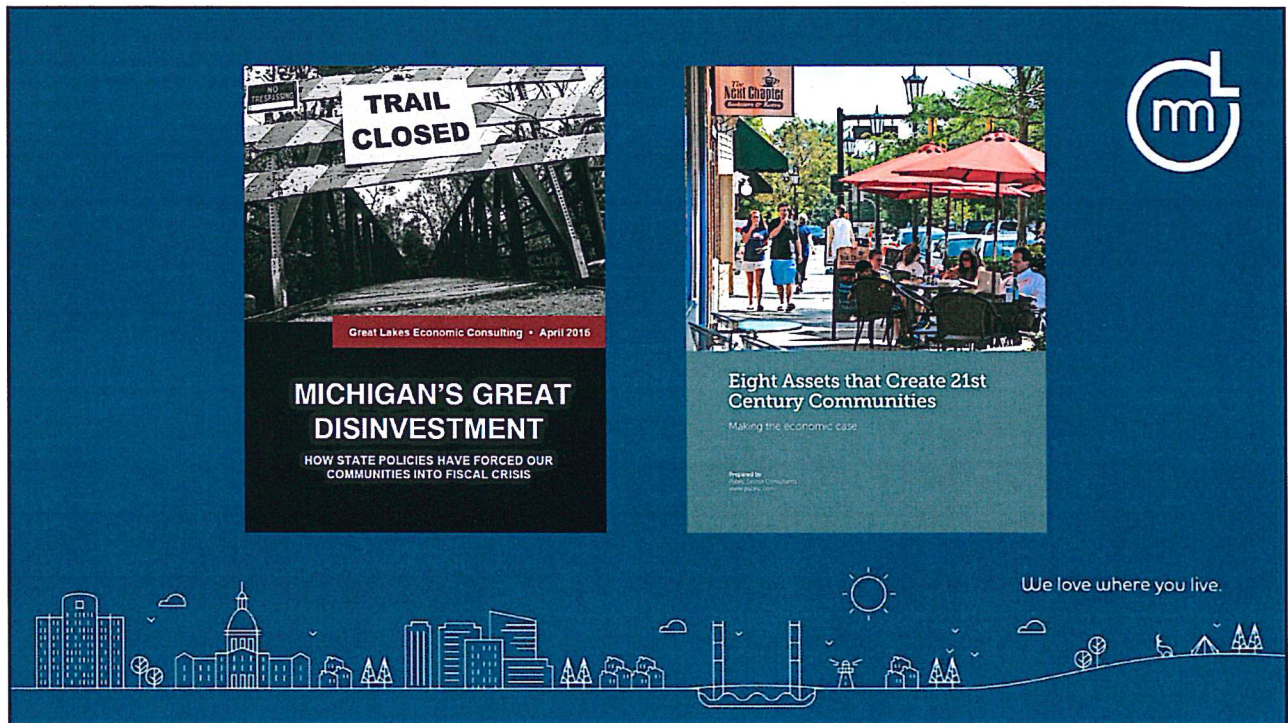
## What have we been doing?

- Meeting with the administration and legislators
- Speaking to outside groups
- Policy development
- Drafting legislation
- Education and outreach
- Commissioned Independent reports



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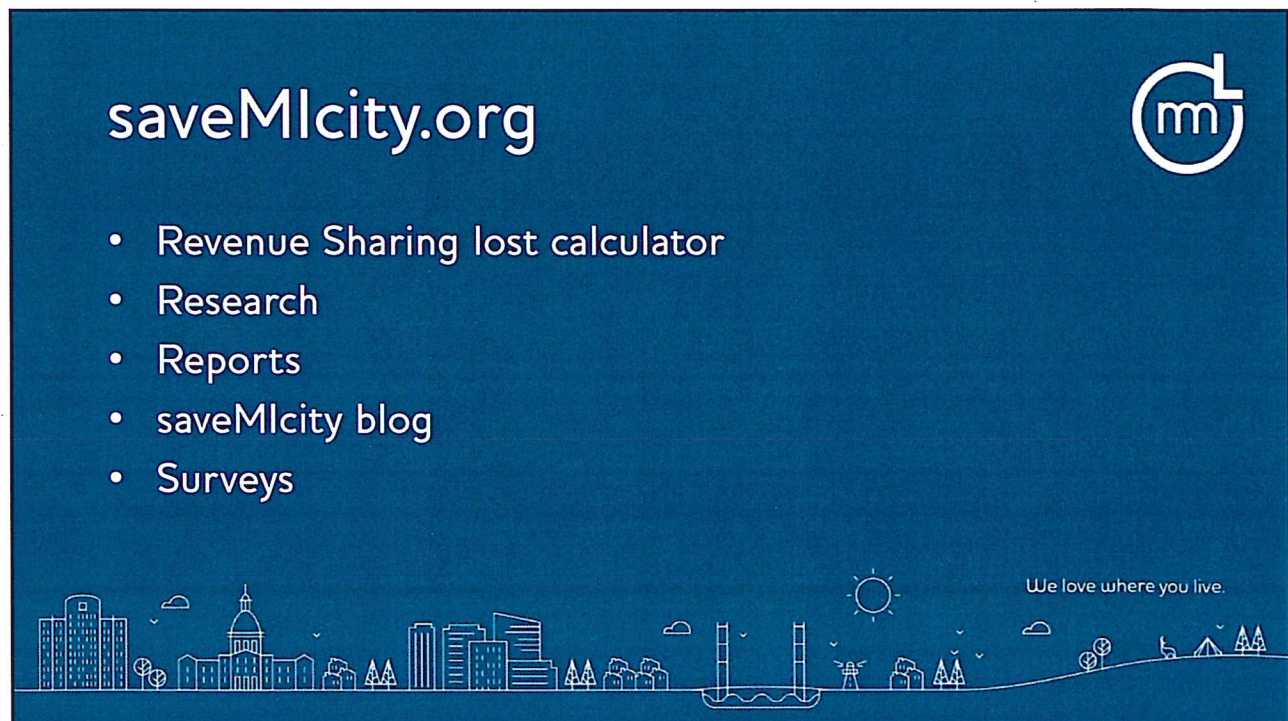
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